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1. After the publication on 19 September of the New York communiqué of the foreign ministers of the western occupying powers, Georg Dertinger, the East German Foreign Minister, gave instructions for the preparation of an internal memorandum for the guidance of Foreign Office personnel in studying the subject. The memorandum was drawn up on 20 September.\*
2. The main points embodied in the memorandum are as follows:
  - a. The plan of the German Democratic Republic for the recovery of West Germany is justified and derives its legal basis through the fact that East Germany has fulfilled the Yalta and Potsdam agreements.
  - b. The New York communiqué attempts to make this legal struggle appear to be an aggressive act.
  - c. Thus the security of the DDR is brought into question.
  - d. It is proposed that the USSR and the satellite governments issue a suitable declaration as a retort to the New York communiqué, stating that the latter violates the agreements made at Yalta and Potsdam; that the formation of the East German government satisfied the conditions laid down at Yalta and Potsdam, thereby making the DDR the true representative of all Germany; and that the DDR is an important member of the peace bloc and can count on the help of the other nations in the peace bloc in the rebuilding of a democratic united Germany.\*\*
  - e. As a first gesture to demonstrate this solidarity, a visit by Dertinger to Moscow is suggested, or else a visit by Vyshinsky to Berlin at the close of the current session of the United Nations.

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\* [ ] Comment: Requests such as those in para. 2d and 2e below are usually not put in writing until the Soviet authorities so direct.

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\*\* [ ] Comment: The impression prevailing among officials of the East German Foreign Ministry is that the USSR will probably announce a guarantee of the security of the DDR at a conference in Warsaw shortly after the end of the U.N. session.

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